

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A marking pen for indicating the proper location of an incision to be made on a patient undergoing surgery, the pen comprising:
a handle having a first end and a second end;
a wheel rotably attached to the first end of said handle, ~~wherein said wheel includes a plurality of treads disposed about a periphery of said wheel;~~ said wheel comprising a polymer that absorbs ink.
2. (New) The marking pen of claim 1, wherein said wheel comprises a flat or arcuate marking surface disposed at a peripheral edge of said wheel.
3. (New) The marking pen of claim 1, wherein said wheel comprises a plurality of treads disposed about the peripheral edge of said wheel, each tread defining a marking surface.
4. (New) The marking pen of claim 3, wherein the marking surface is flat or arcuate.
5. (New) The marking pen of claim 1, wherein the handle includes a removable neck disposed at the first end, the wheel being rotably attached to the removable neck.
6. (New) The marking pen of claim 1, wherein the handle includes a bend to provide an ergonomically shaped handle.
7. (New) A marking pen for indicating the proper location of an incision to be made on a patient undergoing surgery, the pen comprising:
a handle;

a wheel rotably connected to an end of the handle, the wheel including a flat or arcuate marking surface disposed along a peripheral edge and adapted to mark on a patient's skin.

8. (New) The marking pen of claim 7, wherein the wheel comprises a material that can absorb ink and dispense ink onto a patient's skin.

9. (New) The marking pen of claim 7, wherein the handle includes a bend formed near the wheel.

10. (New) The marking pen of claim 7, wherein the wheel comprises polyethylene or polypropylene.